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John Loyd Spence et al.

Patent Art Unit: 3676

Serial No.: 10/005,178

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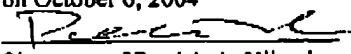
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Sir:

In response to the July 6, 2004 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 2-4, 6-14, 16, 17, 19 and 21-33 are pending, with claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 21-24, 27 and 30 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.